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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING IMAGE SIGNAL,

PROGRAM FOR PERFORMING THE METHOD, AND

COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR RECORDING THE

PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of

claims that begins on page 4 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 13 of this Amendment.